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File Maria GIACHETTI

First Secretary
American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of 10 February 1982 regarding Maria Giachetti. I am, of course, disappointed that the Argentine Foreign Office and the Ministry of Interior continue to deny any knowledge of the whereabouts of Maria.

The Sunday Boston Globe reports today that, "The military government is compiling information on the fate of thousands of people who 'disappeared' in Argentina during the last decade and will report 'what we really know;' a high government source said yesterday. The source, who asked not to be identified, said the Interior Ministry will review more than 6000 cases of people reported missing, but in some instances the answer will be: 'We do not know where he is.' "

I assume that the military government now reporting "what we really know" implies that in the past the government has not been reporting what they really know. In this case I remain hopeful that Maria's case will be included in the review, and that Maria will soon be reunited with her family.

Again, thank you for the request that you made to the Argentine Government, and for relaying that information to me. I will continue to do everything that I can for Maria and her family.

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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